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first and second interlockable fastener tracks joined to said front and said rear panels at said package opening, configurable in an interlocked, closed position and an unlocked open position;

a slider movable along said fastener tracks to configure said tracks in said interlocked position so as to close said opening and to configure said fastener tracks in said unlocked position so as to allow access through said opening to said package interior;

said fastener tracks having opposed ends located adjacent said opposed sides of said front and said rear panels;

stops adjacent said ends of said fastener tracks to interfere with and prevent travel of said slider beyond said fastener tracks;

a side seal of pre-selected width joining together one side of said front and said rear panels;

a shroud covering at least the major portion of said fastener tracks;

weakening portions extending adjacent said fastener tracks severably connecting said shroud to said side portions in preparation for removal of said shroud from the remainder of said reclosable flexible package said weakening portions including a line of weakness extending along the substantial entirety of said fastener tracks and across substantially the entire extent of said reclosable flexible package; and

said shroud defining at least one opening for exposing another portion of said slider, said opening having an acute angle portion communicating with said weakening portion.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The reclosable flexible package of claim 5 wherein said line of weakness cooperates with said tear-start feature to tear said reclosable flexible package, allowing said shroud to be removed from the remainder of said reclosable flexible package.

Please add new claim 22 as follows:

22. (New) A reclosable flexible package comprising:
opposed front and rear panels having side portions joined together to form an interior and a package opening communicating with said interior;